Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - FEB 2025

PO Box 3345
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NSW 2340

Club Meetings - 2nd

Monday each month. 6:30pm at
St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth. (Diagonally opposite Anzac Park).

Last meeting : 10th Feb, 6:30pm

Next meeting : Mon 10th MAR 2025. 6:30pm.

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Tamworth 4wd Club

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2021-2022 Committee

President	- Col Middleton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Vice President	- Dave Maunder	
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Public Officer	- Graeme Hodge	
Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

Happy Christmas. Happy new year. All done and dusted. January has even come and gone and now we are half way through Feb!

A quick trip up to Ponda Rosa was had by the editor. The quiestest we have ever experienced in 40 plus years. Two other campers on the 30th, then noone else at all for New Years Ever. Weird. Entire place was beauty all mown as well. It was freezing!! And too wet to have a fire.

By the time you read this, the annual trip over to Rick & Kerrie's (The Farm), up Forbes River Road was now weeks ago. Only a handful turned up, but we had an absolute blast. River was a bit on the cool side, but we spent a few enjoyable hours all up swimming. The fire was kept going over the entire weekend—and the temperature didn't eve rget over 26 degrees. Meanwhile back home it was a different story—42-44 degrees every arvo.

Graeme has come to the party with another newly created camp site five mins from Williamstown for us to explore.

Over and out.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. Feb 2025.

Meeting opened: 6:30pm.
Members in attendance: 8 members present.
Chair: Colin Apologies: Chrissy., Jodie, Katrina & Rick
Last minutes true and correct : not noted.

Business arising

- As per Colin, TJM under different Management.

- Year raffle will need a re-think. TO be further discussed in next meeting.

- Hoodies,shirts,caps & hats : all done. Caps still to arrive. See Leanne for clothing items. Pricing on page 14 needs to be updated !!

- Farm trip , quick overview/debrief.

Financials

- main account: $3091.72
- Working account : $1017.77 minus clothing which was $490.55

Correspondence in

- December Association newsletter.

Correspondence Out

- December Clubs Newsletters to members, clubs and sponsors.
- December Association newsletters out to members.

General business

- CEO of Great Northern stepped down—boycott and fiasco with Great Northern with state forests & National Parks locking gates and closing parks down.
-Bounce of payment to Leanne re fee's. Left over from Aug(?). Need to re-do payment.
-Graeme's new camp site at Williamstown.

7:00 meeting closed.

Next Meeting : Monday 6:30pm 10th March.
Apologies from Dave—he won't be there.

EVENTS, TRIPS & TRIP IDEAS

Werrikimbe Trip**—Col**
Could include Gloucester to Werrimkimbe drive.

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.
Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Family Fun Day Weekend - Richard.
A family fun day weekend (invite out to the public) to entice potential new club members. Three legged races for kids, novelty course. Billy boiling competition from nix, Cook off comp and/or camp oven night.

Terri-Hie-Hie to Ningulailly Pub - Richard.
Cruisey trip sightseeing the partial outback and end up at a pub.
Discussion about trip—may need to be a long weekend due to the five plus hour drive out. Further investigation on suitable time.

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set and further info to be found.

Taylors Arm – Paul.
Awaiting on known status of road.
Closed for past few years.

Old Grafton Road—Paul

Springvale—Anzac weekend. 25-27th/April
Social weekend, at Wallabadah
Billy boiling , camp oven night

Graeme's newly created camp ground. Williamstown. Dates to be set

Coolah Tops trip – Dave.
Postponed until main forest road gates are re-opened by National Sparkes.

For Sale : lots of air. Free. Pick up only.
How much air?
This much air :

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler.
$10.00 each.
Contact Paul Ellison, or tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

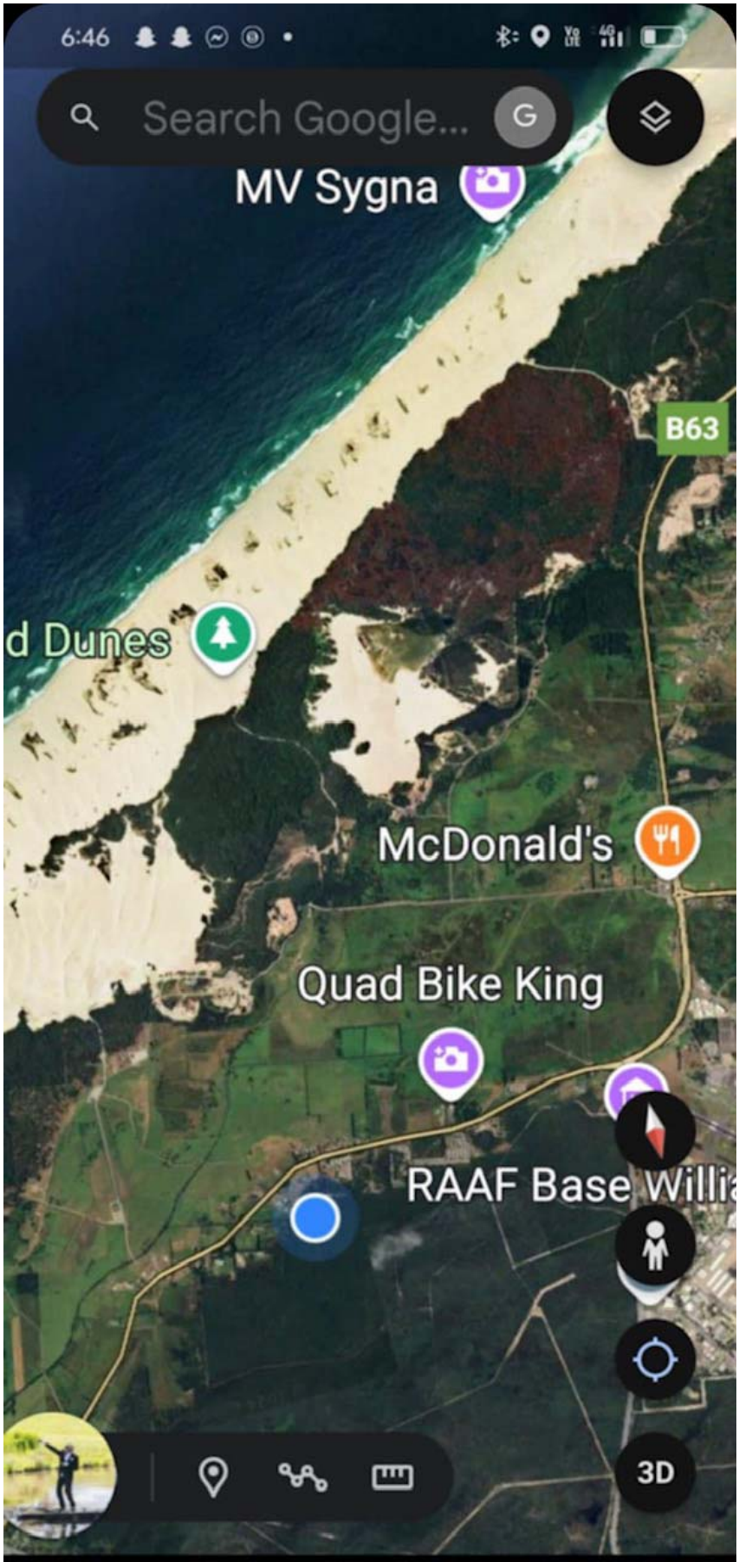
Ponda Rosa over New Years Eve

“The Farm” January Long-weekend. (24-27 Jan 2025)

New campground location for the club to check out. At Williamstown.

Only a three plus hour drive south. Free camping from the generosity of the owners (ex Club members from years gone by.).
Location: Blue dot.

Dates for a trip to be set at a club meeting.
Dave & Chrissy will be heading down in April or early May.



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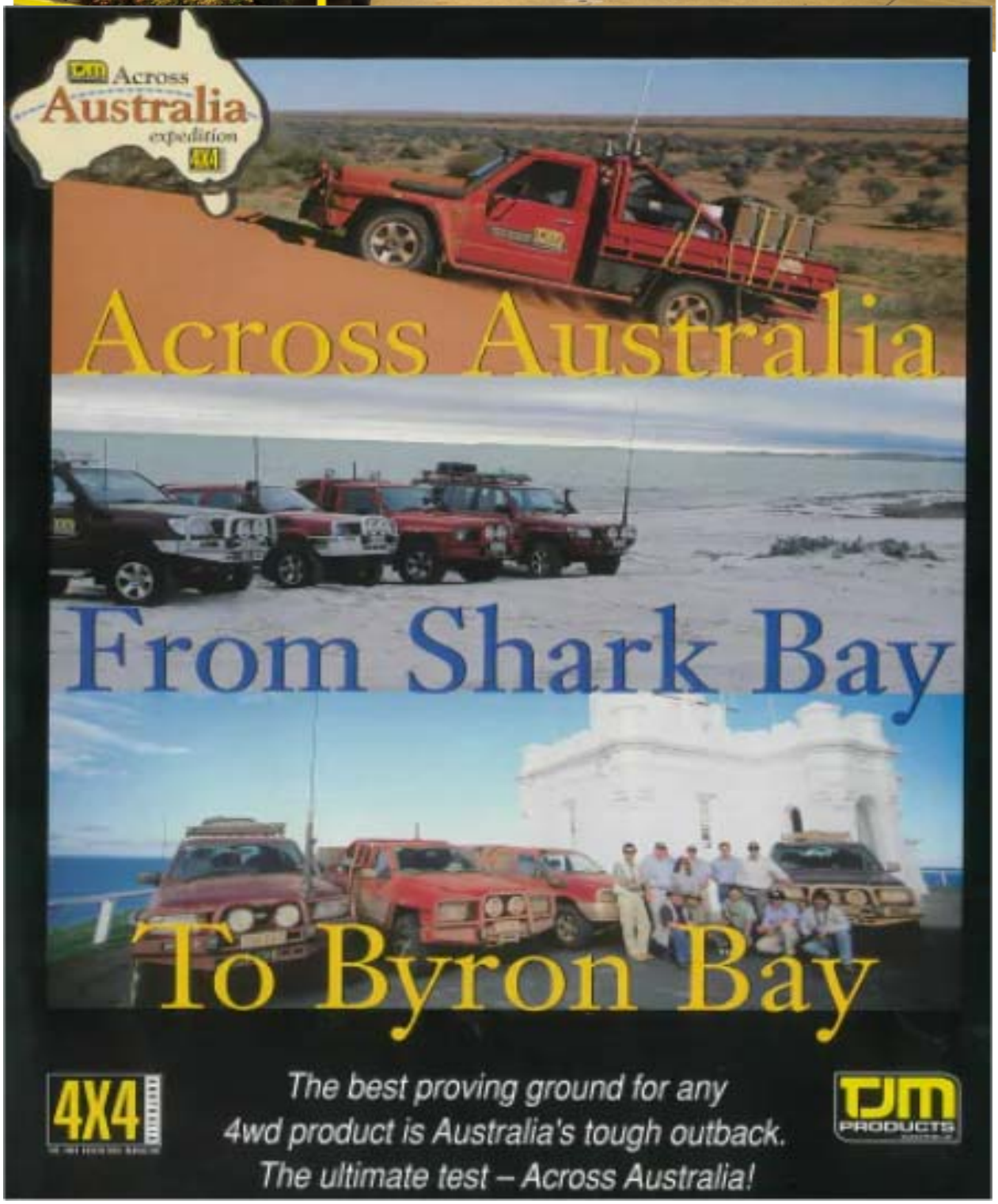

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise

Adults:

- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
:0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details Family membership: $60/year

Surname: .....

First Name: ..... DOB: .....

Partner's Name: .... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

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Residential Address:

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Which would you prefer published in the newsletter? Residential/Postal

Email Address: .....

Note:

Club Newsletters will be **emailed** to members wherever possible. If you do not want to have the newsletter emailed to you and you would prefer it by mail, please tick the box below.

☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: ..... **Work:** .....

Mobile/s: .....

Vehicle Details: Make: .....

Model: .....

Year: ..... Registration: .....

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: .....

Emergency contact phone number: .....

Signature of Member: ..... Date: .....

Signature of Partner: ..... Date: .....

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

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Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

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Names of Members:

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Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
Jodie Thompson
Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard & Emily Mariner
Adrian Altona
Dave & Karma Walters
Aaron Walters & Nicole Ward
Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
Terry & Helen Collins
Tim Patterson & family.

Club Life Members
Graeme Hodge
Phil Swindale
Bob Tallon
Leanne & Col Middleton

Sponsors
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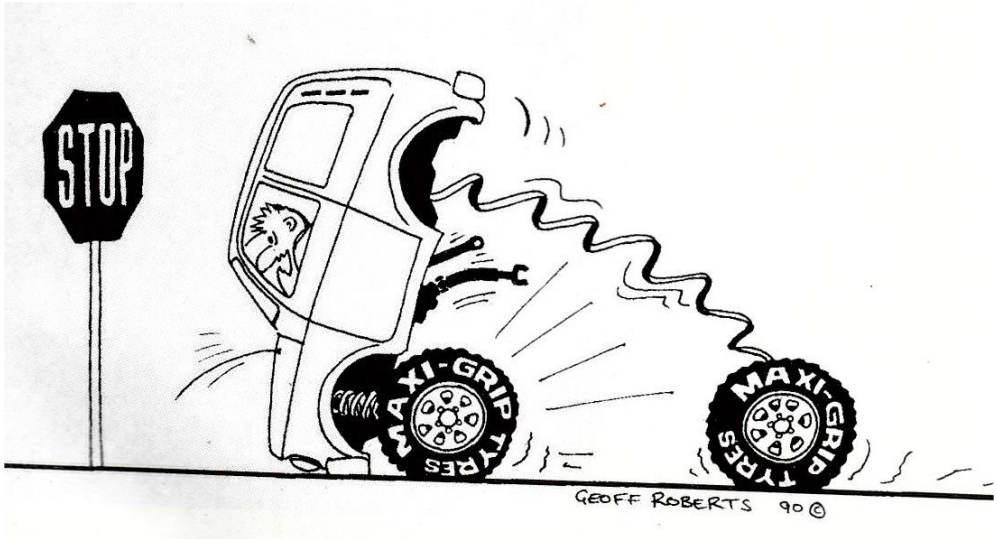

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